

REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Stephenson for his careful review of this application. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By the present communication, all claims have been maintained in their original form. No claims have been amended. Thus, claims 1-16 are pending herein.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 1-4 and 9-16 have been indicated as allowable, and that claims 7 and 8 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 5 and 6 have been provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claim 37 of copending application 10/525,402. To expedite prosecution and reduce the pending issues, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

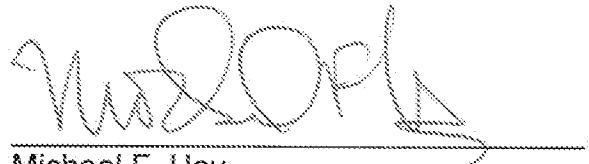
The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete Response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 20, 2007. Applicant has made a diligent effort to advance the prosecution of the application. Applicant has not acquiesced to any rejection and reserves the right to address the patentability of any additional claim features in the future. In view of the above, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

The three-month statutory period for reply expires on July 20, 2007. A one-month extension is respectfully requested and the \$120.00 extension fee is submitted herewith. However, should the Commissioner deem any additional fees as being due,

the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit said fees from, or to credit any overpayments to, USPTO Deposit Account Number 50-3786, Reference No. 14147.105119.03.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at the number listed below if a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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